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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON USGS TRIP TO STUDY BANGUI MAGNETIC ANOMALY

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1. USGS TRIP REPORT CONTAINED REFTL

2. FROM ALL INDICATIONS TRIP QUITE SUCCESSFUL. GOCAR PROVIDED RED CARPET TREATMENT INCLUDING OFFICIAL DINNER AND FLYING TEAM TO N'DELE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA. USGS SCIENTISTS ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINES. COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION WITH FRENCH SCIENTIFIC AGENCY ORSTOM WARM AND FRIENDLY. DESPITE PUBLICITY AND SPECULATION IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CONCERNING THE ANOMALY AND ITS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES, PRESIDENT BOKASSA AND GOCAR OFFICIALS SEEMED TO ACCEPT TEAM LEADER EGAN'S CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF THE SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE OF DISCOVERY AND HIS GOALS IN STUDYING IT.

3. USGS TEAM SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND DIPLOMATIC APPROACH AND COMPORTMENT REGARDING THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT.

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